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In re Patent Application of:
Yoshihisa Minato et al.

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For: OBJECT DETERMINING DEVICE AND
IMAGING APPARATUS

Examiner: M. A. Strieb

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

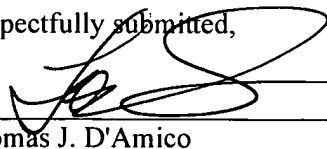
In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 17, 2008 (Paper No. 20071128), Applicants elect Species I (claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 11-22, 24, 33, 34, 39 and 40) for continued examination, without traverse.

As noted in the restriction requirement, upon allowance of a generic claim (claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11 and 12) that Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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